- A. If something fails a quality control test, like a raw material, like those chemicals or the DNA kit, we discard it, and we call the company and tell them and ask for a new one.
 - Q. Does the quality control group also manage the proficiency test programs?
 - A. Yes, they do.
 - Q. Is the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner an accredited lab?
 - A. Yes, we are.
 - Q. And what does it mean to be accredited?
 - A. To be accredited means that we meet a set of standards that are set by the different accrediting agencies, and it means our work is comparable to all other accredited agencies.

Basically, they have this list of guidelines that we must meet or exceed, and, usually, our goal is to exceed the guidelines, and we get inspected every five years by this outside agency who comes in and makes sure that we are doing what we say we are.

They review our manuals and our personnel files, and they inspect the lab. They watch us work to make sure we're following the instructions and make sure we are wearing gloves, things like that.

- Q. Has OCME always been accredited?
- A. As soon as you can get absolutely accredited, which was around 1994, we did become accredited. It didn't used to

- be -- actually, they didn't have the process of accreditation way back when in the early days, but as soon as you could have it, our lab got it.
- Q. Are you familiar with a woman that used to work in the lab by the name of Maya Saxon?
 - A. Yes, I am.

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- Q. Did she do any work on the case that you're here to testify about?
 - A. Yes, she did.
 - Q. What was Maya Saxon's position at the lab?
 - A. Her title was Criminalist Level 2.
- Q. What were her duties and responsibilities as a Criminalist Level 2?
- A. Maya did DNA extractions. She did the quantitation tests. She did the test for semen which is called P-30, and she did the test for ampalius, which is part of the saliva. So, basically, the saliva test.
 - Q. Did she examine the evidence as part of her duties?
 - A. No, she didn't.
- Q. Did she interpret DNA typing as part of her duties?
 - A. No, she didn't.
- Q. Did she receive the training that you described earlier?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Did she pass the competency test during her initial

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- training for the types of analyses she did in this case?
 - Yes, she did. Α.
- Could you tell the members of the jury what happened Q. to Maya Saxon?
- Α. She was actually terminated from her employment with the Medical Examiner's Office. She was observed falsifying a negative control and was subsequently terminated.
 - Q. What does it mean to falsify a negative control?
- Α. What she had been observed doing was this negative control is something that should be created at the beginning of the extraction. It's like an empty tube, and you do the same things to that empty tube as you do with everything else, that is the empty tube and the DNA, and the empty tube should come out negative. What she was doing was throwing out that negative control and creating new ones with just an empty tube with some -- I'm not sure what was in it, but, basically, it wasn't the original negative control
 - 0. How was this discovered?
- Α. Someone had witnessed her doing this while they were, you know, a making an analysis and they observed this happenning.
 - Ο. What happened to her after it was discovered?
- Well, we began an investigation, but she was Α. terminated. She wasn't allowed to do anymore work there.
 - Q. When this was discovered, did you report it to the

- 1 | District Attorneys's Office?
 - A. Yes, we did.

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- Q. Did the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner review her work?
- A. Yes. Basically, we had to start a full investigation into everything that she had ever touched in the lab. So all of the different -- every case that she had worked on, we reviewed each individual test within the case to ensure that the results were inherent to the case, meaning that the results made sense to the case itself, and always in the back of our mind, let's say the negative control didn't work or we don't really know if she did this all the time, but just a few times, but we, basically, had to review everything and make sure that not having that negative control would affect the DNA results at the end.
 - O. What was the conclusion of the review of her work?
- A. We found that all the results of everything were valid.
- Q. So, in your opinion, are the DNA typings and the results of this case reliable?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. What did they do -- excuse me. Withdrawn.

 Did you review the work that she did on this case?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. What did she do?

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- A. The test that she did in this case on the sample from Dennis Colon on the second cutting, which is, first let me just say, the second cutting of his swab. She did the extraction and the quantitation on that.
 - Q. What do you mean by, "second cutting of his swab"?
- A. Well, the first cutting was cut, extracted. We got the DNA profile. We saw it matched. We decided we needed to cut it again to verify that result, and what we do is a second cutting to verify the original result, to confirm the original result, and I actually did the cut myself.

I put the sample in the tube, and that's Maya's extraction. So she extracted and quantitated the second cutting. We found the results were consistent, though.

- Q. Do you always do second cuttings?
- A. No, only if the suspect sample matches something.
- Q. Only if there's a match do you then do another cutting of this suspect sample?
 - A. Right.
- Q. Now, how does the negative control figure in the extraction of DNA from a cutting?
- A. Well, as I said, it's that tube, it should have nothing in it, and at the end, if we do a DNA type of that tube, it should have no result. It should not have a DNA result in it. It's a measure of possible contamination during the test, because when we do these tests, we're not doing one

case and one sample at a time.

It's a set of samples. Let's say, 10 or 15. You want to make sure that the DNA type from one tube doesn't get in the next step, and that's what the negative control is for.

So if you see something in the negative, it leads you to believe that maybe the extraction didn't go so well, but you can also get a competent extract by looking at each sample individually, and if a sample has one profile and it makes sense in the context of the case, then we find the results reliable.

- Q. Did Maya Saxon perform the extract on both of the cuttings from the sample from Dennis Colon?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Does the same person usually perform both extractions?
 - A. Not usually.
 - Q. Why not?
- A. It's how the rotation works out. The first cutting might happen one week, and the second cutting might not happen for two more months. It just depends who is working what for that particular week.
- Q. In your opinion in throwing out a negative control, does that affect the outcome of the results in this case?
 - A. No. Not the DNA profile, no.
 - Q. What other work did she do on the case?
 - A. She did the quantitation of that second cutting also.

- This is the second cutting of the suspect swab from 1 Q. Dennis Colon? 2 3 Α. Yes. Were there any discrepancies found in her 4 Q. quantitation? 5 No, there wasn't. There weren't. 6 Α. Now, when performing a DNA quantitation, are items of 7 Q. evidence ever being handled by the person who does the 8 9 quantitation? It's not the item of evidence. It's part of the 10 Α. No. extract. So part of the liquid where the DNA now is, you take 11 a small part of that, and then you use it, and then you throw 12 13 it out. Did Maya Saxon ever handle any of the actual evidence 14 Q. in this case? 15 1.6 Α. No. Did Maya Saxon perform any of the DNA typing on this 17 Q. 18 case? 19 Α. No. So what Maya Saxon did, did that affect the actual 20 Q. profile generated from the evidence presented to the ME's 21 office? 22 23 Α. No. MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time if I

could have what's been marked as People's No. 9 subject to

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connection and if it could be shown to the witness.

THE COURT: The court officer is getting it.

It's been shown to the witness.

- Q. Ms. Keblish, do you know what this is?
- A. Yes. That is a sexual assault kit.
- Q. Whose name is on it?
- A. Vera Krioutchkova.
- Q. Was it received by the Office of the Chief Medical

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- A. Yes, it was.
- Q. How do you know?
- A. I see the case number that I mentioned before, FB-03, dash, 0513.
 - Q. Was this kit tested?
 - A. Yes, it was.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time I would move what's been previously marked as People's No. 9 for identification subject to connection into evidence.

THE COURT: Defense.

MR. GREENBERG: No objection.

THE COURT: Let's approach.

(Brief discussion held off the record.)

THE COURT: It's admitted into evidence, but I do understand the People will have the contents of the box examined.

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707 MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, with the Court's 1 permission. 2 THE COURT: We'll work that out with the court 3 officers. They have the scissors. 4 THE WITNESS: You want me to open it? 5 MS. CHANNAPATI: Yeah. If you could open it 6 and if you could go through the contents of the kit. 7 THE WITNESS: This is the oral swabs and 8 Smears are like slides. The swab gets swabbed 9 onto a slide, and this is an underwear bag. It was no 10 underwear. 11 THE COURT: Let me stop. The witness has 12 first held up an envelope that has red boarders and that 13 was what she described the first item as swabs and smears. 14 Then the second item, which the witness picked up, is an 15 envelope with writing on it, and what is that? 16 THE WITNESS: This is a bag that you could put 17 the underwear in if it's collected. 18 THE COURT: It's contained in that bag? 19 THE WITNESS: There is no underwear. 20 THE COURT: What's in there? 21 THE WITNESS: Nothing. 2.2 THE COURT: So it just says "underwear," but 23

> THE WITNESS: Yes. Right.

there's nothing in it?

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THE COURT: Thank you.

THE WITNESS: This is an envelope which does not have red tape on it. It was not opened. It says, "debris collection."

THE COURT: Is there any debris?

THE WITNESS: I don't know. It says, "Sample was collected." I don't know.

THE COURT: It says, "Sample was collected."

All right.

THE WITNESS: This second envelope, which we didn't examine. There's no red tape, which we would have re-taped it. It's "fingernail scrapings," which said the sample was collected. It was checked off. We did not examine that.

The next one is "pulled head hairs."
Unopened.

The next one is "pubic hair combings" was collected and unopened. "Pulled pubic hairs" was collected, but was unopened, and the buccal specimen.

THE COURT: What is a buccal specimen?

THE WITNESS: It means a swab from the inside of the mouth. I should say also that it's the policy in our laboratory to -- at this time the policy was to retain items that contained semen or ampalius. So I can look at it on my inventory, which was originally in this kit.

There was also vaginal swabs and smears and anal swabs and smears. As you'll see later, since there was semen found on those, we retained those in the sample in case we needed to do further testing.

THE COURT: With regard to the labels which you have been identifying one by one, only two have that red boarder; is that correct?

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

THE COURT: Does that mean those are the only two that you examined?

THE WITNESS: Of these, yes. That's the way sexual assault kits are approached in our lab. We don't examine every single envelope. We examine swabs, because we feel those are the most probative to look for semen at any time.

else, we would, but we're not a hair comparison lab. So we are not experts in hair. So we're not going to look at hairs. So the only thing out of these we opened were the buccal specimen, which is a known sample from Ms.

Krioutchkova, and then the oral swabs and smears.

THE COURT: People.

- Q. Now, prior to the testing of this kit, was the kit secured in anyway?
 - A. Yes, the kit was sealed.

- Q. When it was examined, then it was opened; correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, how do you test for semen and ampalius?
- A. Well, the first test that we do for semen, if the sample is there, we look at those slides that I told you are made from the swabs. We stain the slide, and we look in the microscope to look for special heads, and in this case we saw sperm on the slides for the vaginal and the anal swabs. So then we concluded there's semen there.

On the oral slides, we did not see sperm. So we go to the next test which is called P-30, and that detects P-30, which is protein found in semen. So if we find that P-30. That's done. It's a color test. If we get a bright yellow color, that tells us semen.

There was no semen on those oral swabs. I realize now there was a third type of swab that we retained in the lab called dried secretion swabs, and we put those to the P-30 tests, and they were positive for semen.

So those are also retained in our laboratory. A dried secretion, it's kind of self-explanatory, but I never heard the term. If you see the woman was at the examination room and if the doctor saw something was, saw something crusty on her or looked like it could be a body fluid, they would have swabbed that, and that would go in the dried secretion envelope.

O. What was the results of the testing of the rape kit?

A. We found semen on the anal swabs and the vaginal swabs as well as the dried secretion swabs. No semen was found on the oral swabs.

We also tested the vaginal swabs for the presence of ampalius, which is part of saliva. There was no ampalius there, and also we tested the dried secretion swabs for that ampalius and it was negative.

- Q. What did you do next?
- A. We extracted the DNA from the vaginal swabs, anal swabs, and dried secretion swabs.
 - O. Were you able to come up with a profile?
- A. Yes. We found one male profile, a single profile on the anal swabs, and the profiles we found on the vaginal and the dried secretion swabs were a mixture of DNA, and those results were existent with the victim's DNA and the semen donor on the anal swab.
- Q. In a case where there was also only alleged vaginal intercourse, could there be semen found on an anal swab?
- A. I would say so. It's always possible that since the vaginal cavity and the anal cavity are close together, if semen was present in that area, it could drain or leak down to the anal area, and even though anal sex didn't occur, I, of course, don't know what happened, I can tell you what I observed.
 - MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time I would ask if the witness could be shown People's No. 5.

THE COURT: The court officer will get it.

The witness is being shown that exhibit.

THE WITNESS: Do you want me to take it out?

MS. CHANNAPATI: Yes.

THE COURT: The witness is preparing to take the item out of the plastic bag that it's contained in.

THE WITNESS: Do you want me to take it

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MS. CHANNAPATI: Yes.

- Q. Do you recognize it?
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What do you recognize it to be?
- A. It's a comforter cover or duvet cover, one might call it, with little reindeer pictures on it.
 - Q. How do you recognize it?
- A. I actually recognize it from looking at the pictures, as I remember looking at this, specifically, but it should have a label on here, too. I also see holes in it that have marks around it which are stains that I cut out.
- Q. Is it in substantially the same condition as it was when you tested it?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. When you received the comforter or the cover, what condition was it in?
 - A. It was in a sealed bag.

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A. Well, I opened it up, and I looked for stains, and when I had found stains, if any stains tested positive for semen, which some of them did, I cut it out, and I retained in an envelope at the lab. So I made some holes into it.

MS. CHANNAPATI: You can put it back in the bag at this time.

I would ask what's been previously moved into evidence as People's No. 5 subject to connection be moved into evidence as People's No. 5.

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. GREENBERG: No.

THE COURT: It's into evidence now that the connection has been established.

- Q. Ms. Keblish, was testing performed on the comforter cover?
 - A. Yes, it was.
 - Q. Prior to the testing, you said it was sealed in a bag?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. What kind of testing was done?
- A. I examined it for the presence of semen and saliva.

 If I saw any blood, I would have tested it also, but I first

 looked at it visually, and I didn't see any obvious staining.

 So I looked at it under what he call a crimescope, which is we

shut the lights out, and we use the crimescope wearing orange gloves, and we look for any floresing stains, glowing stains.

I circled all of those, and I tested them for semen, and one of them came back positive for semen.

- Q. Did you test the semen?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. What were the results when you tested the semen?
- A. The DNA profile, well, as I explained before when we are looking at semen and how we want to separate the male and the female cells or the sperm cells from the epithelial cells, in the part that just looked at sperm cells, we found one male DNA profile which is the same DNA profile as the anal swab. That was the same semen donor, and in the other sample which contains the epithelial cells, there was a mixture -- oh, actually, let me double check. Yes, there was a mixture of DNA of at least two people, and the victim's DNA was there as well as the semen's donor.
- Q. Did there come a time when your lab received additional evidence for this case?
- A. Yes. The other sample we received was the swab from Dennis Colon.
 - Q. When was it received?
 - A. It was received on April 12th of 2003.
 - Q. From whom was that received?
 - A. I'm looking at our chain of custody, which is lists

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the evidence, and who had the custody of the evidence at the time. I see that Detective Harvin signed her name. This person brought the sample to our evidence unit.

- Q. What was the voucher number for the evidence that you received?
 - A. The voucher was L-790223.
 - Q. What was it that you actually received?
- A. There are two cotton swabs that were obtained from Dennis Colon.
 - Q. What did you do with those two cotton swabs?
- A. The swab was cut and DNA extracted. The DNA was extracted from it, and we got the DNA profile of Dennis Colon.
- Q. What were the results of comparing Dennis Colon's profile from the swab that was provided to the male DNA profile found on the anal swab?
 - A. They were the same profile.
- Q. What were the results of comparing Dennis Colon's profile given to you -- taken from his oral swab found compared to what was found on the comforter cover?
- A. The semen donor on the comforter cover was the same as Dennis Colon. It was the same. The comforter cover, the anal swab, and the Dennis Colon profile are all the same.

MS. CHANNAPATI: At this time I would ask this to be shown to the witness?

THE COURT: All right. The People are holding

up a large baseboard item. It's been shown to the defense. 1 MS. CHANNAPATI: If it could be marked as 2 People's No. 13 for identification. 3 THE COURT: Marked as People's 13 for 4 identification and being shown to the witness. 5 Ms. Keblish, do you recognize that? 6 Q. 7 Α. Yes, I do. What is it? 8 Q. It's an enlarged copy of one page in the report for 9 Dennis Colon's sample. 10 Does it exactly reflect the results that were achieved 11 Ο. by the work done by the Medical Examiners' Office? 12 Yes. 13 Ά. Did you have a chance to compare this chart with the 14 Q. information that you have in your files to make sure everything 15 is accurate? 16 Yes, I did. 17 Α. Is it accurate? 18 Q. 19 Α. It is accurate. MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time I 20 would ask that People's No. 13 be moved into evidence. 21 THE COURT: Any objection? 22 MR. GREENBERG: No. 23 THE COURT: Into evidence. 24 MS. CHANNAPATI: If it could be posted for the 25

jury, your Honor.

THE COURT: It will be posted.

- Q. Ms. Keblish, is this a summary of the findings in your report?
 - A. Yes.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Now, with the Court's permission, may the witness approach the exhibit, your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

- Q. Ms. Keblish, what are the items, if you could describe the items, at the top of the chart?
- A. Well, in this row, these are the column header items. These are the different items that were testified. This is the case number; Dennis Colon was tested; this is the case number for Vera Krioutchkova; this is the anal swab, sperm fraction, and duvet cover; these titles are -- here are the locus names; these are the different locations; these are the fancy locus for the locations; D-3, 3 tells us it's on the third chromosome; this AMEL for Amelogenin; then the next determining location; these are the results under here, XY, XY; men have a X and Y; woman only have an X.

So, if we were looking at the neighboring female types, it would have one X there, but looking at these results, you see an X and Y. Then you go all the way down the line.

These are the 13 different locations. You can see the

comparison of the suspect's profile to the semen from the anal swab from the sperm cells, and then the duvet cover from the sperm cells, and 15/16; same here, 15 and 16; 15 and 16; and what these numbers are, these are those allele numbers I was talking about before.

So, it's describing the DNA at those locations. At this location he had 15 repeats of some DNA sequence. Let's say if you imagine the word cat, cat, cat, cat, cat repeated 15 times. That is what he might have had at that location. That's a 15/16.

It's the same thing at this location. He had some sequence 8 times, but on one chromosome, 9 times from the other; one is from mom and one is from dad. So there's no examples of it, but sometimes you see one number. That doesn't mean that the person only has one chromosome or anything. That means that their mom and dad both gave them the same DNA type at that location.

He doesn't have anything like that. He has two DNA types at each one. So we're looking at this. It shows you that the profiles are all the same. So they came from the same person. Since we tested a person, we see that it came from Dennis Colon.

- Q. Could you indicate on the chart what profile was obtained from the swab that was given from Dennis Colon?
 - A. This is the profile, this whole series of numbers.

1 That's his profile.

- Q. Could you also indicate on the chart what profile came from the anal swab of the rape kit of Vera Krioutchkova?
 - A. That's here, anal swab and sperm fraction.
- Q. When you compare anal swab to the suspect profile, what does it indicate?
 - A. It shows that they are exactly the same.
- Q. Could you also please point out where on the chart it indicates the profile obtained from the duvet cover?
- A. That's right here from the sperm fraction of that sample. It's right there.
- Q. When that compares to the suspect profile of Dennis colon, what does it indicate?
- A. That the two types were the same. The profiles were the same. So they came from the same person.
 - Q. Did your lab do -- you can have a seat.

Did your lab do any statistical analysis to determine how rare this profile of Dennis Colon within the earth's population is?

- A. Yes. We did a statistical calculation, and it showed that you would only expect to find this profile once in greater than one trillion Caucasian people; once in greater than one trillion Asian people; once in greater than one trillion Hispanics; and one in greater than one trillion blacks.
 - I'll just explain what a trillion is. A trillion is a

thousand times a billion. So it's one and then twelve zeroes. So, currently on the planet earth, we only have about six billion people. So if you imagine how many people would be, how many earths would be a trillion people, you would be able to look at 160 planet earths, each with six billion people, and you would still only find this profile once.

- Q. So in your expert opinion, is Dennis Colon's sperm on the anal swab of the rape kit?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Is it Dennis Colon's sperm that was on the duvet or the comforter cover that was recovered?
 - A. Yes.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Nothing further, your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Defense.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. GREENBERG:

- Q. Can you explain to me again the negative control, what Maya Saxon did with the negative control?
- A. She performed an extraction which at the beginning of the extraction, you'll create a negative control which is a tube that's empty as opposed to every other tube in your set that has a swab in it or a cutting of something, and then she took that through the whole procedure and then discarded it, and created a new one.

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	2	tube?	
	3	Α.	Which tube?
	4	Q.	In the negative control tube?
	5	Α.	She I believe she replenished it.
	6	Q.	At the beginning, was there anything in the tube?
	7	Α.	No.
	8	Q.	Nothing, it was empty?
	9	A.	Right.
	10	Q.	Okay. Then she discarded the tube?
	11	A.	Yes.
	12	Q.	And put it in a new tube; is that correct?
·. .)	13	Α.	Yes.
	14	Q.	That raised concern for your office; correct?
	15	A.	Yes. Any time anybody does not follow the protocol,
	16	it rais	es concern.
	17	Q.	That's because it's important for your lab to be found
	18	reliabl	e; correct?
	19	Α.	Yes.
	20	Q.	As a result of Ms. Saxon's conduct, your office
	21	decided	to take certain steps to ensure the reliability of the
	22	tests;	correct?
	23	A.	Yes.
	24	Q.	However, that was done internally; correct? In other
	25	words -	- I'm sorry. Withdrawn.

Your investigation was an internal investigation; correct?

A. Yes.

- Q. There was no outside agency to oversee what your procedures were in your investigation; is that correct?
 - A. There actually was. No, it's not correct.
- Q. All right. Was there any outside independent agency conducting the tests?
 - A. No.

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- Q. And Ms. Saxon was -- you were Ms. Saxon's supervisor?
- A. No, I wasn't. On certain -- if you look through the paperwork, my initials might be on the same page as hers, because I was a supervisor. So if she happened to do something and I was supervising her that day, yes, but not, I wasn't, you know, solely responsible for her.
- Q. But you needed to rely on data that she provided to you?
 - A. Not data.
 - Q. Samples?
 - A. Yeah, samples.
- Q. In fact, you don't know what Ms. Saxon did in terms of her examination of the DNA submitted to you with respect to this case; is that correct?
 - A. Well, she didn't examine it.
 - Q. Well, whatever her function was; is that correct?

A. I didn't watch her the whole, you know, do it. So I
don't know exactly what she did no.

MR. GREENBERG: Judge, I have no further
questions.

THE COURT: People, you have anything?

MS. CHANNAPATI: Very briefly, your Honor.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. CHANNAPATI:

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- Q. What did the outside agency do when the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner was reviewing Maya Saxon's performance?
- A. The outside agency was our accrediting agency, which is called the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board.

We had given them, like, a plan to show them -- we told them what happened, and we told them our plan for how to address the problem. They were satisfied with that plan, and then after we finished the investigation, we submitted all the results to them, and they were satisfied with that also.

- Q. So, Maya Saxon handled the second cutting of the swab from the suspect sample; correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Do you always do a second cutting of a suspect swab?
- A. No.
- Q. In what situations do you do a second cutting of a suspect's swab?

- A. We will do a second cutting if it matches something; or let's say the first cutting didn't give any DNA, we'll cut it again, but in this case we cut it for a second time, because it matched this case.
- Q. So, is it fair to say you did a second cutting to confirm the first results?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, in throwing out a negative control, did it affect the outcome of the results in this case?
 - A. No, not the DNA profile of Dennis Colon. No
- Q. So, in throwing out the second cutting of the suspect profile, did it affect whether the suspect profile matched the anal swab from the rape kit?
 - A. Throwing out the negative control?
 - Q. I'm sorry. Throwing out the negative control.
 - A. No, it didn't affect it.
- Q. In throwing out the negative control, the second cutting, did it affect whether the suspect swab matched the duvet cover stain from the property recovered, from the property that was given to the Medical Examiner's Office?
 - A. No, it didn't.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Nothing further, your Honor.

THE COURT: Defense, anything further?

MR. GREENBERG: I have nothing further.

THE COURT: The witness may step down.

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The attorneys may approach.

(Brief discussion held off the record.)

adjourned now until tomorrow morning, 9:30. Please do not discuss the case. My usual discussion -- do not read anything; do not do research; you know the drill, but I have to say it. So we don't forget it and have it clearly in mind. Form no opinion regarding guilt or innocence.

We'll see you tomorrow at 9:30. Please leave your books in the seats so we may collect them (Whereupon, the jury has exited the courtroom.)

THE COURT: The jury has left the room. The witness had previously exited. As discussed in our bench conference, we are adjourning now having no other witnesses today. We'll be back tomorrow at 9:30.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Thank you, your Honor.

(Whereupon, the case on trial was adjourned to June 6th, 2006.)

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2	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,	
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5 6	DENNIS COLON, Defendant.	
7	320 JAY STREET	
8	BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 JUNE 6, 2006	
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10	BEFORE: HONORABLE JAMES P. SULLIVAN,	
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) 13	District Attorney, Kings County	
14	BY: LOUISE COHEN, ESQ.	
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19	New York, New York Attorneys for the Defendant	
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THE COURT: All right. We're back on the case
on trial.

People, you have your witnesses?

THE COURT: Now, we have some jury issues that I've been informed of.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Yes, your Honor.

Juror No. 6, let's see who that is. That's Ross Israel. He has a problem for Friday. I don't know what exactly it is. I don't know if it's an all day problem, but he'll let us know. He has a scheduling problem for Friday, and we'll figure that out.

Alternate No. 2, Ms. Miello has gotten a job and needs to start right away. I take it she wants to be discharged.

What we hear is that Mr. Israel is going to a 9/11 memorial on Friday. He would be out all day, but Alternate No. 2, as far as I understand, has been asked to start a job and wants to start it.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Well, with respect to Juror No. 6, Ross Israel, I anticipate the People resting today.

THE COURT: I heard that. I'm just letting you know what I know. So we can factor it in. I have no idea. The defense may have a long case. I don't know. So I'm letting you know.

Let's focus first on -- we can deal with

Friday as we move along, but Alternate No. 2, defense? 1 I would hate to see her lose a MR. GREENBERG: 2 job, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: How do you want me to handle it? 4 I have no objection to MR. GREENBERG: 5 discharging her. 6 MS. CHANNAPATI: That's fine. 7 THE COURT: Then on the record, we have 8 discussed Alternate No. 2, her issues for wishing to be 9 discharged, and the defense consents and the People 10 So she is discharged. consent. 11 That would leave in terms of alternates, 12 Alternate No. 1 has been Mr. Hudenfrend, and then Alternate 13 No. 3 is Ms. Lavender, and she becomes Alternate No. 2, and 14 we'll deal with Mr. Israel's issue as we move a long. 15 With that, and hearing nothing else --16 MS. CHANNAPATI: Well, your Honor, there's one 17 issue. 18 THE COURT: Oh, what is it? 19 MS. CHANNAPATI: With respect to Detective 20 Harvin's testimony, the People will not be bringing up the 21 Miranda or the defendant's statement on their case in 22 chief; and as such, it's the People's position that the 23 defense should be precluded from bringing it in as well as 24

it is rank hearsay.

It's not a statement against penal interest. 1 It's a self-serving statement, and it's hearsay, your 2 Honor. We believe that the defense should be precluded 3 from bringing the statement in as it would make the People 4 seem unfair, your Honor, if we didn't bring the statement 5 in on our case in chief, and if the defense attorney 6 brought it up --7 THE COURT: Defense. 8 MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, I believe I can 9 bring that in. I don't believe there's any -- in terms of 10

THE COURT: A whole slew.

hearsay, there's a whole slew of exceptions.

People, I don't see why they couldn't bring it in if he takes the stand.

MS. CHANNAPATI: I'm not talking if the defendant takes the stands. I'm talking about the detective.

THE COURT: We're talking about Detective Harvin and cross. Well, you wouldn't have covered it. How would he get it in?

She's saying that if they didn't cover it, how --

MR. GREENBERG: I'm cross examining whether or not he made a statement to the police.

THE COURT: They are not going to raise it.

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MR. GREENBERG: I can cross examine. It's certainly within the purview. It's all over the notes.

MS. CHANNAPATI: There's no exception -- it's not an exception to any of the hearsay exceptions. It doesn't fall into any of those categories. It's not a statement against penal interest. It's self-serving.

THE COURT: Let met stop a minute. I was focusing on if he took the stand. The issue is when the arresting officer gets in, how would he get the statement in, but, certainly, he can cross examine her about what she did, and just because the People have chosen, for whatever reason that you have chosen, not to put the statement in, he certainly can cross examine her about what she did, and in that course of cross examination, it will probably come up that she took a statement from him.

Do you have the statement, would be the question. Yes, she has it in her paperwork.

I don't see how it's not going to come in.

MR. GREENBERG: Not only that, I believe the statement, first of all, is against penal interest.

THE COURT: Well, the statement is a complicated statement. Unless you all want to litigate that issue, when I say complicated, it's not like, I didn't do it, or I did do it. It's a mixed statement.

MS. CHANNAPATI: So, your Honor --

THE COURT: I'm saying that I'm not going to 1 preclude it. I'm not going to preclude the defense. If 2 the issue comes up, you want to object, I'll deal with it. 3 I'll not preclude it. 4 MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, may I have a 5 6 moment? THE COURT: All right. 7 (Brief recess taken.) 8 THE COURT: We want to discharge Alternate No. 9 2 on the record. So we'll just bring her in. 10 THE COURT OFFICER: Ready for the alternate? 11 THE COURT: Yes, thank you. 12 THE COURT OFFICER: Alternate juror entering. 13 (Whereupon, Alternate Juror No. 2 enters the 14 courtroom and is seated.) 15 THE COURT: Ms. Miello, we understand that you 16 have gotten a job. 17 ALTERNATE JUROR NO. 2: Yeah. 18 THE COURT: And you are needed to go start 19 20 right away. ALTERNATE JUROR NO. 2: Yes. 21 THE COURT: Well, congratulations on your 22 getting the job. We have discussed it, and both sides have 23 agreed. So you are now discharged with the thanks of the 24

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in.	1	ALTERNATE JUROR NO.2: Okay. Thank you.
	2	(Whereupon, Alternate Juror No. 2 exits the
	3	courtroom.)
	4	THE COURT OFFICER: Ready for the jury?
	5	THE COURT: We are. Thank you.
	6	THE COURT OFFICER: Jury entering.
	7	(Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom and
	8	is properly seated.)
	9.	THE CLERK: All jurors are present.
•	10	Do both sides waive the reading of the roll?
	11	MR. GREENBERG: Yes.
	12	MS. CHANNAPATI: So waived.
	13	THE COURT: We know that Alternate No. 2
	14	needed to take care of business. So she's been discharged
	15	with the thanks of the Court. So Alternate No. 3 becomes
	16	Alternate No. 2.
	17	People.
	18	MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, the People at this
	19	time call Silvana Didonna
	20	SILVANA DIDONNA, called as a witness, after being
	21	duly sworn, testified as follows:
	22	THE COURT: She's a Verizon representative.
	23	Proceed, People
. :	24	MS. CHANNAPATI: Thank you, your Honor.
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1	DIRECT EX	MOITANIMA					
2	BY MS. CHANNAPATI:						
3	Q.	Ms. Didonna, where are you employed?					
4	Α.	I'm employed by Verizon Corporation.					
5	Q.	How long have you worked at Verizon?					
6	A.	27 years.					
7	Q.	What is Verizon?					
8	A.	It's a communication company.					
9	Q.	What kind of services do you provide?					
1.0	. A.	Local, long distance, and also Internet services.					
11	Q.	What is your position at Verizon?					
12	Α.	I'm an investigator.					
13	Q.	How long have you been an investigator at Verizon?					
14	Α.	Last ten years.					
15	Q.	What are your duties and responsibilities as an					
16	investi	gator at Verizon?					
17	Α.	We do internal investigation within Verizon, and from	n				
18	time to	time we also testify as to company records.					
19		MS. CHANNAPATI: At this time I would ask if					
20	the	following documents could be marked as People's 14, 1	5				
21	and	16.					
22		THE COURT: Has defense had a look?					
23		MR. GREENBERG: I've looked at them before.					
24		THE COURT: So that's People's 14, 15, and 1	6				
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- Have you had an opportunity to look at them, Ms. Q. Didonna? Yes, I have. Α. What is No. 14, the first document? Q. The No. 14 is subscriber information indicating a Α. phone number and also who the subscriber is. What is No. 15? Q. It's also subscriber information for a customer and also has a list of phone calls from that customer's phone number. What is No. 16? Ο. 16 is an in-file search. It's a computer report that indicates the originating and terminating calls from a specific number. THE COURT: You call this an in-file, in, hyphen, file? THE WITNESS: Yes. THE COURT: What does it have on it?
 - THE WITNESS: A time that a call was made; the date; where the call originated from; where the call terminated; how long did it last; and then there's also some other columns where it's basically for internal use only.

Thank you. THE COURT:

Now, are these the originals or photocopies? Q.

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1	Α.	They are photocopies.
2	Q.	Are they exact reproductions of the originals?
3	А.	Yes, they are.
4	Q.	Is the information contained therein kept in the
5	regular	course of business by Verizon?
6	Α.	Yes.
7	Q.	Is it in the regular course of business for Verizon to
8	make and	keep such records?
9	A.	Yes.
10	Q.	Are the entries and the information in those records
11	made at	or near the time of the phone calls that are indicated?
12	А.	Yes.
13	Q.	Does the person who prepared the information contained
14	in those	e files have a business duty to do so truthfully and
15	accurate	ely?
16	Α.	Yes.
17		MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time I
18	woul	ld ask what's previously been marked as People's 14, 15,
19	and	16 be received into evidence as People's 14, 15, and
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21		THE COURT: Is there any objection?
22		MR. GREENBERG: No.
23		THE COURT: The items are received into
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MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, may I just look at

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	1	them.
į	2	THE COURT: The defense attorney would like to
	3	take a look. You may.
	4	Both lawyers may approach.
	5	(Brief discussion held off the record.)
	6	THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen,
	7	there's one small issue, and I'm going to ask you to step
	8	out for a while. Leave your books. Do not discuss the
	9	case, please.
	10	(Brief recess taken.)
	11	THE COURT: All right.
	12	The People, we are ready to proceed, and the
į	13	defense, we are ready to proceed.
	14	We can call the jury book back in.
	1.5	THE COURT OFFICER: Ready for the jury?
	16	THE COURT: Yes.
	17	THE COURT OFFICER: Jury entering.
	18	(Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom and
	19	is properly seated.)
	20	THE CLERK: The jurors are present.
	21	Do both sides waive the reading of the roll?
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and is still under oath. Direct examination is resumed.

THE CLERK: The witness has resumed the stand

MR. GREENBERG: Yes.

MS. CHANNAPATI: So waived.

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THE COURT: People.

- Q. Ms. Didonna, I'm going to ask you to direct your attention to Exhibit No. 14. Could you please describe what it is?
 - A. It's a subscriber information.
 - O. For what number is the subscriber information?
 - A. Telephone No. 718-787-1125.
- Q. Do you know who the subscriber was for that phone number in March of 2003?
- A. The phone service was listed to a Vera -- I can't pronounce the last name.

THE COURT: You could spell it.

THE WITNESS: K-r-i-o-u-t-c-h-k-o-v-a.

1711 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, New York,

Apartment 1-A.

- Q. Now, was her number listed or unlisted?
- A. It was a listed telephone number.
- Q. What does it mean that the number is listed?
- A. It appears in the phone book, and, also, if you call information, you would be able to get a phone number.
 - Q. So, it's available to public access?
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. I'm going to direct your attention now to Exhibit 15?
 - A. It's also subscriber information.
 - Q. For what number?

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- A. It's for telephone No. 718-376-7178.
- Q. Do you know who the subscriber was for that phone number in March of 2003?
- A. It was listed to a Mr. Colon, Dennis; address, 1323

 East 16th Street, Brooklyn, 11230, Apartment C-3.
 - Q. Was that also subcriber information for April of 2003?
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. Now, was that number listed or unlisted?
 - A. It's non-published.
 - Q. What does it mean, "it's non-published"?
- A. It doesn't appear on the phone directory, and also, if you call information, you would not be able to get the phone number.
- Q. Now, again, looking at Exhibit 15, directing your attention to March 26th, 2003, at 8:01 a.m., is there an indication of a phone call being made from Dennis Colon's number?
- A. Yes. At March 26th, 2003, at 8:01 in the morning, there was a phone call from 718-376-7178 to 718-787-1125.
- Q. And that number, the 1125 number belongs, the subscriber information for that is?
 - A. Vera.
 - Q. Krioutchkova?
 - A. Yeah.
 - Q. Now, I'm going to direct your attention to April 5th,

- 1 2003. This is Exhibit 15, April 5th, 2003, at 12:38 a.m.
 - A. There was a phone call made from 718-376-7178 to 718-787-1125.
 - Q. So there was -- the records indicate that a phone call was made from the number that has the subscriber of Dennis Colon?
 - A. That's correct.

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- Q. To the number that has the subscriber as Vera Krioutchkova?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, I'm going to direct your attention to Exhibit No. 16, and what is Exhibit No. 16?
- A. As I said before, it's telephone records which indicates originating calls, or it's a telephone records which indicate any calls terminating to a specific number.
 - Q. What number is this in?
 - A. The terminating number in this case is 718-787-1125.
- Q. And that number has subscriber information of Vera Krioutchkova?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, I'm going to direct your attention to March 26th, 2003, at 8:01 a.m.
- A. That's correct. There was a phone call from 718-376-7178 to 718-787-1125.
 - Q. How long did that phone call last?

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1	A. Two minutes and 13 seconds.
2	Q. So there was a phone call made from the phone number
3	that has a subscriber information of Dennis Colon to the phone
4	number that has the subscriber information for Vera
5	Krioutchkova at 8:01 a.m. on March 26th, 2003?
6	A. That's correct.
7	MS. CHANNAPATI: Nothing further. Thank you.
8	THE COURT: Anything further of the witness,
9	defense?
10	MR. GREENBERG: Yes.
11	CROSS EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. GREENBERG:
13	Q. I'm going to ask you to look at the document that has
14	the terminating calls to 787-1125?
15	A. Okay.
16	Q. How many phone calls on March 26th were from
17	718-376-7178, which is Mr. Colon's number, how many phone calls
18	were made to Vera Krioutchkova's number, 787-1125?
19	A. There was only one phone call.
20	MR. GREENBERG: I have no further questions.
21	THE COURT: No further questions.
22	Anything further from the People?
23	MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, just one moment.
24	Nothing, your Honor.
25	THE COURT: The witness may step down.

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- What are your duties and responsibilities as a Q.
- Brooklyn Special Victims Squad detective?
 - Investigate allegations of sexual assaults. Α.
 - How long have you -- withdrawn. Q.
 - Directing your attention to March 26th, 2003, how long

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- A. One year.
- Q. Now, were you working on March 26th, 2003?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Were you alone or with a partner?
- A. A partner.
 - Q. And who was your partner?
 - A. Detective Figueroa.
- Q. Did there come a time that day when you became involved in an investigation of an incident that occurred at 1711 East 15th Street, Apartment 1-A?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Where is that location? Is it in Brooklyn?
- A. It's in Brooklyn.
- Q. How did you come to be involved?
- A. I was notified by a uniformed police officer from the 61st Precinct.
 - Q. When you were notified, what did you do?
- A. I responded to the Coney Island Hospital to interview the victim.
 - Q. Did you speak with anyone there?
- 23 A. Yes.
 - Q. Who did you speak with?
 - A. A Ms. Vera -- I'm not sure of the pronunciation of the

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l last name, Krioutchkova.

- Q. Vera Krioutchkova?
- A. Yes, Krioutchkova.
- Q. What did Ms. Krioutchkova tell you?
- A. That she was raped inside her residence by an unknown person.
 - Q. How did she appear when you talked to her?
- 8 A. Upset.

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MR. GREENBERG: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

- Q. When you say "upset," how did she appear?
- A. As in disbelief that something would happen to her in her home.
 - Q. How did she appear physically?
 - A. Physically, okay.
 - Q. Was she in shock?
- 17 A. Yes.

18 MR. GREENBERG: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

- Q. Now, did she tell you there was any weapons involved?
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 Q. What did she tell you?
- 23 A. That the perpetrator displayed a knife.
- 24 Q. Did she describe a knife to you?
- 25 A. Yes, she did.

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- How did she describe it? 0.
- She said it had a funny design, a pocket knife with a funny design.
- Did she give you a description of the person who came into her apartment?
 - Yes, she did. Α.
 - Do you remember what that description was? Q.
 - Α. Yes.
 - What was it? Q.
- A male Hispanic, husky built, anywhere from 25 to 30 Α. years old, and five-eleven, light goatee, and was wearing a black cap.
 - Now, after speaking with her, what did you do next? Q.
 - I responded to her residence, the place of occurrence. Α.
 - What did you do when you got there? Q.
 - As far as the apartment? Α.
 - Yeah. Q.
- I went inside the apartment, looked around the Α. Then I notified the New York City Police Department location. Crime Scene Unit to respond to the location.
 - Why did you do that? Q.
- So they could have the purpose of gathering any type Α. of evidence at the scene.
 - Now, did you talk to anyone else? Q.
 - Α. Yes.

- Q. Who else did you talk to?
- A. I spoke to several people in the building, and I spoke to the landlord's business partner.
- Q. Now, when you said you talked to several people in the building, is that called a canvass?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. What is the purpose of a canvass?
- A. To try to ascertain if anyone in the building seen anything unusual or seen the suspect come in and out of the building.
- Q. What do you actually do during the canvass, if you could describe it for the jury?
- A. You knock on people's apartment doors, get their information, and you explain to them what happened in the building and find out if they were around at that particular time or did they notice anything suspicious in the building.
 - Q. Did your canvass yield any results?
 - A. No.
- Q. Then you said you spoke to the landlord's business partner?
 - A. Yes.

THE COURT: Do you remember his name?

THE WITNESS: Guy. I don't remember the last name.

Q. Do you need something to refresh your recollection?

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THE COURT: The witness may look at her paperwork in an effort to refresh her recollection.

THE WITNESS: Guy Gasibson (phonetic).

- Q. Why did you speak to Guy Gasibson (phonetic)?
- A. To try to find out if there was a problem in the victim's apartment.
 - Q. What kind of problem?
 - A. Plumbing problem.
 - Q. Did you learn if there was a problem?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Did you get to speak to Guy?
- A. Yes. I spoke to him, but he told me he wasn't aware of any problems.
- Q. After speaking to Guy Gasibson (phonetic), did you speak to anyone else?
 - A. Yes. I spoke to the landlord of the building.
 - O. Who was that?
 - A. Guy Schebovitz.
- Q. After speaking to Guy Schebovitz, who did you speak to?
- A. I spoke to the plumber of the building, Mr. Hollis Christopher. I attempted to speak with the electrician of the building, Mr. Robert Meade, but his location at the moment was unknown.

- Q. What was the purpose of speaking to Hollis Christopher?
- A. To find out if he was made aware of any plumbing problems in the victim's location, apartment, and did he respond to the apartment to fix the plumbing problem.
 - Q. What did you learn?
 - A. No, he did not respond.
- Q. You said you spoke -- you tried to speak to Robert Meade?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Why did you want to speak to Robert Meade?
- A. Because he was an electrician in the building, and he was also staying in Apartment 1-C located on the first floor next to the victim's apartment.
- Q. So after you did all this investigation, what happened next?
- A. I went to another location, 901 Avenue H, because the last telephone call on the victim's phone came back to that address of that phone number.
- Q. What happened as a result of that, going to 901 Avenue H?
- A. I spoke to the super of the building, and he told me the phone number came back to Apartment 4-C, but he wasn't familiar with the tenant of the location. I attempted to interview the people at the location, but there was no answer

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- Q. What happened next? What did you do next?
- A. I responded back to my office, and I notified Verizon telephone company.
 - O. Why did you notify Verizon?
- A. I wanted to get the victim's telephone numbers, incoming and outgoing calls.
 - Q. Why did you want to do that?
- A. To try to ascertain where the phone call came from to the victim's apartment.
- Q. At this point did you have any leads as to who attacked Vera Krioutchkova on March 26th, 2003?
 - A. No.
- Q. Did there come a point when you were at the hospital that you spoke to a Ms. Alice Olosunde?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Who was Alice Olosunde?
 - A. The nursing assistant at Coney Island Hospital.
 - Q. How was she related to this case?
 - A. I think she did the examination of the victim.

MR. GREENBERG: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

- Q. I'm going to direct your attention now to --
- THE COURT: Let me just say this, with regard to his objection, we are using the word "complaining

- What, if anything, happened at that time? Q.
- I received a phone call from the complainant's daughter.
 - What did you learn? Q.
- That the subject was on the telephone call with her Α. mother.
- Did you give the complainant's daughter any Q. instruction?
 - Α. Yes.

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- What instruction did you give her? Q.
- To tell her mother to keep him talking as long as Α. possible and try to get any information from him about himself.
 - Why did you do that? Q.
 - So maybe we can find out any information. Α.

MR. GREENBERG: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: To gather information about the subject.

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- A. Yes.
- Q. What did you do next?
- A. Respond to the complainant's apartment.
- Q. When you say "respond," you mean you went to her apartment?
 - A. I went to her apartment.
 - O. What did you do when you got to the apartment?
- A. I canvassed the area around the apartment building, and I sat inside her apartment with my partner, Detective Figueroa, for approximately two hours.
 - Q. Why were you doing that?
- A. The subject told her that he was coming back to her location.
- Q. Now, directing your attention to later that day, what did you do next?
- A. Information was received from Verizon phone company regarding the phone number, and members from the Special Victims Squad responded to the location from the information that was received from Verizon phone company.
 - Q. What information did you receive from Verizon?
 - A. We got the person's subscriber information.
 - Q. What name and subscriber information did you receive?
- A. Dennis Colon, 1323 East 16th Street, Apartment C-3, Brooklyn, New York.
 - Q. So when you learned the subscriber information for the

phone number, what did you do next?

- A. We notified members of the Brooklyn Special Victims Squad that was out in the area canvassing the area for a possible subject.
 - Q. What happened next?
- A. We gave them the information, and they responded to 1323 East 16th Street, Apartment C-3.
- Q. After they responded to the location, what happened next?
- A. They brought the subject back to the Brooklyn Special Victim Squad.
 - Q. Where did you first see Dennis Colon?
 - A. At the Brooklyn Special Victims Squad.

MS. CHANNAPATI: With the Court's permission, I'm going to ask the witness to look around the courtroom and if she sees the person that she saw at the Brooklyn Special Victim Squad on April 5th, 2003, Dennis Colon, and if she could point to him and describe an article of clothing.

THE COURT: All right.

THE WITNESS: Yes. The black suit, but he looks like he lost a lot of weight from the last time I seen him.

THE COURT: Seated at the table to the right in the black suit?

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THE WITNESS: Yes.

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- Does his appearance today differ from when you saw him on April 5th, 2003?
 - · A. Yes.
 - How does it differ? Q.
- The weight, it looks like he lost, maybe, about 20, 30 pounds.
 - MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, I'm going to show People's No. 17.

All right. People's 17, sheets of THE COURT: paper being shown to the defense.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, if this could be shown to the witness, People's 17-A and 17-B

Sheets of paper which the People THE COURT: have identified as 17-A and 17-B are being marked for identification and shown to the witness.

- Do you recognize those, 17-A and B? 0.
- Α. Yes.
- What are they? Q.
- Photos of the defendant. Α.
- Do they fairly and accurately depict how the defendant Q. looked on April 5th, 2003?
 - Yes, it does. Α.

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would ask what's previously been marked as 17-A and B be moved into evidence.

> Any objection? THE COURT:

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THE COURT: Into evidence as People's 17-A and

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MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, if they could be posted for the jury.

> They will be posted. THE COURT:

- Now, when you saw him at Brooklyn Special Victims Q. Squad office, was he handcuffed at that point?
 - No. Α.
 - Was he under arrest at that point? Q.
 - No. Α.
 - When he got there, what did you do? Q.
 - When I got to --Α.
- When the defendant got to Brooklyn Special Victim Squad office, what did you do?
- I went -- they placed him into a holding cell, and I Α. went into the holding cell with my partner, Detective Figueroa.
 - Could you describe the make up of this cell? Q.
- It's an eight by ten room with a window, gates on the Α. window and gates on the door.
 - When you say there are windows, where are the windows? Ο.
 - One window inside the room. Α.

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- Q. Does that window face the outside of the building, or does it face the interior of the building?
 - A. Outside of the building.
 - Q. Was there anybody else in the room with you?
 - A. Detective Figueroa.
- Q. Now, at that point, did you read him what is commonly referred to as his Miranda rights?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - O. Did you do it from memory or a sheet of paper?
 - A. From a sheet of paper.

THE COURT: Yes, People.

MS. CHANNAPATI: At this time I would ask if the following piece of paper could be marked as People's No. 18.

THE COURT: All right. That piece of paper is handed up as People's Exhibit 18 for identification.

- Q. Detective Harvin, do you remember that?
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What do you recognize it to be?
- A. A Miranda warning sheet that I read to defendant Dennis Colon, 4/5/03.
 - Q. How do you recognize it?
- A. His signature and my handwriting, and Detective Figueroa signed it as a witness.
 - Q. Is it in the same or substantially the same condition

as it was on April 5th, 2003?

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MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, I would ask that People's No. 18 be moved into evidence.

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. GREENBERG: No.

THE COURT: Into evidence as People's 18.

- Q. Could you please describe how you advised the defendant of his Miranda rights, if you could go through it.
- A. I read each one, 1 through 6, and asked him did he understand.
 - Q. Did he respond to each question?
 - A. Yes, he did.
 - Q. How did he indicate that he understood?
- A. He wrote the word, yes, and signed his initials, D.C., next to each question.
- Q. Could you please read the Miranda rights now as you did on that day?
- A. "You have the right to remain silent and refuse to answer questions.

"Do you understand a that?"

- Q. Did he respond to that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How did he respond?
- A. Yes, he wrote the word, "yes."

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1	Q. What's the next question there?
2	A. "Anything you do say may be used against you in a
3	court of law.
4	"Do you understand?"
5	Q. What did he indicate?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. What's the next question?
8	A. "You have the right to consult with an attorney before
9	speaking to the police"
10	Q. What did he indicate?
11	A "and to have an attorney present during any
12	questioning now or in the future.
13	"Do you understand?"
14	He wrote the word, yes, and signed his initial, D.C.
15	"If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be
16	provided for you without cost.
17	"Do you understand?"
18	He wrote the word, yes, and signed his initials, D.C.
19	"If you do not have an attorney available, you have
20	the right to remain silent until you have the opportunity to
21.	consult with one.
22	' "Do you understand?"
23	He wrote the word, yes, and his initial D.C.
24	"Now, that you have been advised of your rights, are

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you willing to answer questions?"

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THE COURT: Yes, Counsel?

MR. GREENBERG: She's trying to give expert 1 testimony as to whether or not the detective is able to 2 determine --3 THE COURT: It's not expert. It's her view. 4 You can attack that. 5 MR. GREENBERG: She's giving an opinion. 6 That's her opinion. It's not an THE COURT: 7 expert opinion. You can attack it on cross. 8 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were 9 held in open court in the presence of the jury.) 10 THE COURT: The objection is overruled. 11 Did you form an opinion as to whether or not the Q. 12 defendant was intoxicated? 13 Yes. 14 Α. What was that opinion? 15 Q. He wasn't intoxicated. 16 Now, when you were reading his Miranda rights to him, 17 Ο. how were you situated? 18 He was sitting in the holding cell area. 19 A. situated to his right. Detective Figueroa was to his left, and 20 he was in the middle. 21 What kind of furniture was there in the room? Ο. 22 It says one desk and three chairs. 23 Α.

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Were you sitting across from him or next to him?

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- tell him why he was there?
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- A. Yes.

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- Q. What did you tell him?
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- A. I told him there was a home invasion rape that happened, the location, he fit the description of the suspect,
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- and we wanted to take a DNA swab.
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- Q. Now, before you took the DNA swab, did you ask him if he wanted to speak to you?
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- A. Yes.
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- Q. Did he indicate that he wanted to speak to you?
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- A. Yes, he did.
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- Q. Did you have a conversation with him?
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- A. Yes.
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- Q. During the course of that conversation, did you take what is commonly referred to as pedigree information?
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- A. Yes, I did.
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- Q. Could you please explain to the jury what is pedigree information.
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- A. Name, date of birth, address, social security number, phone number.
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- Q. What address did he give?
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- A. 1323 East 16th Street, Apartment C-3.
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- Q. Did you get his phone number?
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- A. Yes, I did.

1	Q. Do you remember what his phone number was?
2	A. I don't recall offhand.
3	Q. If you would refer to your notes, would that refresh
4	your recollection?
5	A. Sure.
6	THE COURT: The witness is again referring to
7	notes in an effort to refresh her recollection.
8	THE WITNESS: 718-376-7178.
9	Q. After he gave his pedigree information, did he say
10	anything else?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. What did he say?
13	A. I asked him if he knew a young lady by the name of
14	Vera who lived at 1711 East 15th Street, a Russian female, and
15	he told me, no, he didn't know anyone by the name of Vera, and
16	he didn't know anyone at that location. I asked him if he
17	raped anyone at the location, and he told me, "No."
18	MR. GREENBERG: Objection.
19	THE COURT: Overruled.
20	MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, may I?
21	THE COURT: Yes.
22	(Whereupon, the following proceedings were
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24	MR. GREENBERG: Those are not the statements
25	that I was given notice of.

THE COURT: That's true, and the Court agrees. I've seen that statement many times.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Okay.

(Whereupon, the following proceedings were held in open court in the presence of the jury:)

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, there was an objection, and the nature of the objection or the thrust of the objection was this, the statement that the witness just testified to was not the statement that the defense was given notice of, and the Court has looked at what the defense was given notice of, and, therefore, that statement which was just made by the witness is ordered stricken from the record and to be disregarded by the jury.

MR. GREENBERG: Can you give the jury brief information as to when a subject is stricken?

MS. CHANNAPATI: Objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: We'll cover that, Counsel.

We have already covered stricken from the record, and we can re-enforce it.

- Q. Detective Harvin, would something refresh your recollection as to what the defendant said to you that day?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Would a Statement Notice refresh your recollection?
 - A. Yes.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, if this could be

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THE COURT: Any objection, Counsel?

The People want to hand up a statement notice to refresh the witness's recollection.

MR. GREENBERG: As long as it's the same one I received.

THE COURT: Why don't you check and make sure that we're looking at the, that is, you and the People and the witness will be looking at the same thing.

That's now being handed up to the witness.

- Q. Is your recollection refreshed?
- A. Yes.

handed up to the witness.

- Q. What else did the defendant say to you that day?
- A. That he did not know the victim, but he does patronize Russian massage parlors in the area.
- Q. Now, did there come a point when you discussed with him the taking of an oral swab?
 - A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Could you please explain to the jury what an oral swab is?
- A. An oral swab, it's similar to a Q-tip, a long version of a Q-tip, and it's placed into the subject's mouth and swabbed around for several minutes.
 - Q. What is the purpose of taking an oral swab?
 - A. For DNA comparison.

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- Now, in connection with this case, did you ever show Ο. In connection with this discussion, did you him -- excuse me. ever show him a DNA consent form?
 - Yes, I did. Α.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, I'm showing it to defense counsel, and if this could be marked as People's No. 19 for identification. It's a sheet of paper.

The People are asking that that THE COURT: sheet of paper be marked as People's 19 for identification.

- Have you had an opportunity to look at it, Detective 0. Harvin?
 - Yes, I have. Α.
 - Do you recognize People's's 19 for identification? Q.
 - Yes. Α.
 - What do you recognize it to be? Q.
 - The DNA consent form given to the defendant, Α.
- Mr. Dennis Colon.
 - How do you recognize it? 0.
 - His signature and my information. Α.
- Is it in the same or substantially the same condition as it was on April 5th, 2003?
 - Yes. Α.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, I would ask that it be moved into evidence as People's 19?

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. GREENBERG: No.

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THE COURT: Moved into evidence, accepted and admitted into evidence.

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Q. What did you do with this form?

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A. I gave the form to Mr. Dennis Colon to read, and I explained to him the purpose of taking the DNA swab.

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Q. Did it appear to you that the defendant was reading the form?

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A. Yes, he did.

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Q. Now, did you explain the purpose of the form?

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Q. What did you say?A. For consent of his DNA.

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Q. Did you explain the consequence of taking a swab?

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A. If his DNA is not found within the crime scene, then he would be excluded as a subject in this case.

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Q. Did he ask you any questions at that point?

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A. No, he did not.

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Q. What did you do after you gave him the form? What did he do after you gave him the form?

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A. He read the form, and he signed the form.

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Q. Now, after he signed the form, what did you do?

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A. I took the DNA swab from Mr. Colon.

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- What did you do with the swab? Q.
- I placed the swab into the corner of his mouth, Α. swabbed around for several minutes. I did two swabs.
 - What did you do with the swabs afterward? Q.
- I placed them back into the original envelope that Α. they came in, and I vouchered them at the Medical Examiner's Office.
 - What number did you voucher it under? Q.
 - I don't remember the voucher number. Α.
 - Would something refresh your recollection? Q.
 - Sure. Α.
 - The witness will look at paperwork THE COURT: in an effort to refresh her recollection.
 - THE WITNESS: One DNA swab was vouchered under Larry-790223.
 - What did you do with it after you vouchered it? Ο.
 - I vouchered it at the Medical Examiner's Office.
- Now, did there come a point, after you talked about Q. doing the DNA swab, did there come a point where you talked to the defendant about searching his apartment?
 - Yes, I did. Α.
- Could you describe that conversation that you had with Q. him?
- I told him that the subject in this case had two items that the victim can ID, and would it be okay if I get consent

- Q. In connection with this discussion, did you ever show him a consent form?
 - A. Yes, I did.

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MS. CHANNAPATI: I ask that this sheet of paper be marked as People's No. 20 for identification and shown to the witness.

THE COURT: That sheet of paper is being marked as People's 20 for identification.

- Q. Detective Harvin, do you recognize that?
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. What do you recognize it to be?
- A. The form that was given to Mr. Colon on 4/5/03.
- Q. How do you recognize it?
- A. His signature, my signature, and the time and date.
- Q. Is it in the same or substantially the same condition as it was on April 5th, 2003?
 - A. Yes, it is.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, I would ask that People's No. 20 be moved into evidence.

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. GREENBERG: No.

THE COURT: Into evidence.

- O. What did you do with that form?
- A. Once he signed the form, I responded to his location.

- Q. Well, did you -- you gave him the form?
- A. Yes, I gave him the form.
- Q. Did it appear to you he was reading the form?
- A. Yes, he did.
- Q. Did he ask you any questions?
- A. No.

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- Q. What did you do after you gave him the form? What did he do, I'm sorry, after you gave him the form?
 - A. He read the form, and he signed the form.
 - Q. After he signed the form, what did you do?
 - A. As far as?
- Q. With respect to after you had the consent, after you had the consent to search.
 - A. I went to his location.
 - Q. What location was that?
 - A. 1323 East 16th Street, Apartment C-3.
 - Q. Is that in Brooklyn?
 - A. Yes, it is.
 - Q. What did you do when you arrived?
- A. I arrived; his nephew answered the apartment door; I showed him the consent form given by Mr. Colon; and he directed me to the back bedroom.
- Q. Now, could you describe the appearance of the nephew that you encountered at the location?
 - A. His appearance as far as was he stable?

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1	Q. No, can you give a description?
2	A. Not basically, no.
3	Q. Is there anything that would refresh your
4	recollection?
5	A. Sure.
6	THE COURT: Again, the witness will look at
7	paperwork in an effort to refresh her recollection.
8	THE WITNESS: The only thing I have is that
9	the nephew's name was Mr. Nelson Santos, and he was present
10	at the location.
11	Q. Now, did you go back to the bedroom that he indicated
12	to you?
13	A. Yes, I did.
14	Q. Why did you go to that bedroom?
15	A. In search of the items that the victim described of
16	the perpetrator.
17	MR. GREENBERG: Objection.
18	THE COURT: The use of the word "victim." The
19	complainant described of the perpetrator.
20	Q. Now, did you see anything when you went into the
21	defendant's back bedroom?
22	A. Yes, I did.
23	Q. What did you see?
24	A. I saw a knife and two black caps that was on the
25	dresser, top of the dresser.

- What did you do with that? 1 Q. I removed the items in the apartment. 2 Α. Was it on top of the dresser? 3 Q. On top of the dresser. .4 Α. MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time I 5 would ask if the witness could be shown People's 7-A, B, 6 7 and C. THE COURT: 7-A, B, and C are being gotten by 8 the court officer, and it's being shown to the witness 9 Detective Harvin, do you recognize those? 10 Q. Yes, I do. 11 Α. And what are they? 12 Q. These are the items that was removed from Mr. Colon's 13 Α. residence. 14 Do these photos fairly and accurately depict the items 15 0. that you recovered from the defendant's apartment? 16 Yes, it does. 17 Α. Now, what did you do after you recovered these items? 18 I responded back to my office, the Brooklyn Special 19 Α.
 - Victims Squad.
 - Did there come a point that day that you conducted a Q. lineup?
 - Α. Yes.

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- Could you please explain to the jury what a lineup is? Q.
- A lineup consists of six people, the suspect and five Α.

other males that look similar in description to the subject.

- Q. When was that lineup conducted?
- A. At the Brooklyn Special Victims Squad.
- Q. At what time?
- A. At 21:10 hours.
- Q. What day was it?
- A. 4/5/03.
 - Q. Who viewed the lineup?
- A. The complainant.
 - Q. Is that Vera Krioutchkova?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- 12 Q. Where was the lineup done?
 - A. At the Brooklyn Special Victim Squad.
 - Q. Now, what are the other five people who were in the lineup that are not defendants called?
 - A. Fillers.
 - Q. And who arranged this lineup?
 - A. The lieutenant from the Brooklyn Special Victim Squad.
 - Q. How did Vera Krioutchkova come to view the lineup?
 - A. She was present at Brooklyn Special Victim Squad.
 - Q. Was she brought there?
- 22 A. Yes.
 - Q. And who brought her there?
- 24 A. I don't remember.
 - Q. Was it members of the Special Victim Squad?

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- Q. Now, when Vera arrived at the Brooklyn Special Victim Squad, where was the defendant?
 - A. In the holding cell area.
- Q. Now, from the way Vera entered Brooklyn Special Victim Squad, would she have been able to see the defendant in that holding cell?
 - A. No. She was placed on the opposite side of the room.
- Q. Now, where were the fillers kept in the Brooklyn Special Victim Squad?
 - A. In the holding cell with the subject.
- Q. When she entered, would she have been able to see the fillers?
 - A. No.
- Q. Where was Vera when the defendant and the fillers were being prepared?
- A. She was on the other side of the building, Special Victim Squad.
 - Q. Is it an open or closed area?
 - A. Closed area.
- Q. Were the fillers and the defendant ever in the same area as she was before she viewed the lineup?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Did you at any point record how the lineup appeared?
 - A. Yes.

1	Q. How did you do chac:
2	A. By photo.
3	MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time I
4	would ask if the following two photos could be marked as
. 5	People's 21-A and 21-B.
6	THE COURT: 21-A and 21-B are being shown to
7	the defense.
8	MR. GREENBERG: I've seen them.
9	THE COURT: All right. So they are being
10	marked as 21-A and 21-B.
11	Q. Detective Harvin, do you recognize those photos?
12	A. Yes, I do.
13	Q. What do you recognize them to be?
14	A. That's the photos that were taken on 4/5/03 before the
15	lineup.
16	Q. Do these photos fairly and accurately depict what the
17	lineup looked on April 5th, 2003?
18	A. Yes, it does
19	MS. CHANNAPATI: At this time I would move
20	to offer into evidence the photos of 21-A and B?
21	THE COURT: Any objection?
22	MR. GREENBERG: No.
23	THE COURT: Admitted into evidence.
24	Q. What position was the defendant in in the lineup?
25	A. No. 5.

How many fillers were there? Q. 1 Five. Α. 2 If you know, why were those particular fillers chosen? 3 Ο. Because they fit, basically, the same description as 4 Α. the subject. 5 Now, referring to the photos, are the men, did the men 6 all have the same article of clothing on? 7 No, they do not. 8 Do they have hats on? 9 ο. Yes. Α. 10 Why are they all wearing hats, if you know? 11 Q. Because the victim was able to ID it. 12 Α. Objection MR. GREENBERG: 13 The use of the word, it should be THE COURT: 14 complainant. 15 Complainant. Excuse me. THE WITNESS: 16 The testimony was because the THE COURT: 17 complainant was able to identify the hat. 18 Now, how did Vera view the lineup? Where was she 19 Ο. situated? 20 She was situated in a room adjoined to the holding Α. 21 cell. 22 How was she able to view the lineup? Q. 23 Through a small window. 24 Α. Were you in the room with her? 25 Q.

- A. Yes, I was.
- Q. Was anyone else in the room with her?
- A. Yes.

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- O. Who else?
- A. My supervisor, Lieutenant Alonge.
- Q. Did you say anything to Vera?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What did you say?
- A. I explained to her that there was six males behind through the window, and I needed for her to tell me if she recognized anyone, and where would she recognize them from.
 - Q. Did Lieutenant Alonge say anything to Vera?
 - A. No, he did not.
 - Q. How long did she view the lineup?
 - A. Approximately two to three minutes.
- Q. Now, with respect to the property that you recovered from the apartment, what did you do with it?
 - A. I'm not --
- Q. With respect to the knife and the hats that you recovered from the apartment, the defendant's apartment, what did you do with that property.
- A. I took photos of the property, and I don't recall if I showed the complainant the actual property or the photos of the property.
 - Q. What did you believe that you did?

I think I showed her photos of the property. Α. 1 Did she say anything to you when you showed it to her? Q. 2 Yes. 3 Α. What did she say? Ο. 4 She ID'd the hat and the knife. 5 Α. Where did she ID them from? Q. 6 The items that the subject had when he responded to 7 Α. the apartment. 8 Now, do you know what happened to the hat and the Q. 9 knife since you vouchered them? 10 I learned from the Property Clerk's Office that the 11 property was destroyed. 12 Do you know why it was destroyed? 13 Q. There was a mistake on the voucher. Instead of arrest Α. 14 evidence, investigation evidence was checked off. 15 And as a result of it being checked off as Q. 16 investigation evidence, what happened? 17 They said they only hold the property for two years. 18 After two years, it's destroyed. 19 MS. CHANNAPATI: Nothing further, your Honor. 20 THE COURT: All right. 21 CROSS EXAMINATION 22 BY MR. GREENBERG: 23 Good morning, Detective. Q. 24

Good morning.

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THE COURT: Just a minute, Counsel. We're having that little interference. Can the court officer see if we can turn it down. I think it's the mikes.

Go ahead, Counsel.

- Q. You indicated that you gave Mr. Colon his Miranda rights; is that correct?
 - A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. During that process, was Mr. Colon cooperative with you?
 - A. Yes, he was.
- Q. When officers from or detectives from your unit went to Mr. Colon's residence and they brought him back to your office, was there any indication that he was not cooperative with them?
 - A. No, there wasn't.
- Q. You indicated that you took two swabs from the inside of Mr. Colon's mouth; is that correct?
 - A. Yes, it is.
- Q. You read him a consent form, or he read the consent form; is that correct?
 - A. He read the consent form.
 - Q. After reading the consent form, did he consent?
 - A. Yes, he did.
- Q. During that procedure, was Mr. Colon cooperative with you?

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- Q. You then indicated that you had a discussion with Mr. Colon regarding the property that was allegedly used in this incident; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. You asked whether or not you could search his apartment; correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - O. You asked for his consent; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - O. And he consented, didn't he?
 - A. Yes, he did.
- Q. When he filled out the paperwork with respect to that consent, he was cooperative; correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. At some point you had a discussion with the building manager, a Guy Gasibson (phonetic); is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. You also spoke with the landlord who, I believe, was Guy Schebovitz?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. As a result of your conversation with Guy Gasibson (phonetic), did you ever -- and throughout your investigation -- did you ever learn any connection between Mr. Colon and Guy Gasibson (phonetic)?

- A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did you ever learn whether or not Mr. Colon knew Guy Gasibson (phonetic)?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Did you ever learn whether or not Mr. Colon had any connection to the maintenance or running of the building at 1711 East 15th Street?
 - A. No.
- Q. You spoke with, again, Detective, Guy Schebovitz, who was the landlord?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever learn whether or not there was any connection between Mr. Colon and Guy Schebovitz?
 - A. No.
- Q. Did any of the maintenance people that you spoke with, as a result of your investigation, indicate whether or not they knew Dennis Colon?
 - A. No, they did not.
- Q. The first time you spoke with Vera Krioutchkova was at Coney Island Hospital; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. When you spoke with her, you took notes? Did you take notes?
 - A. I can't recall.
 - Q. Well, when you're conducting your investigation, do

- A. Sometimes I do. Sometimes I don't.
- Q. Do you recall whether or not when you spoke with Vera Krioutchkova at Coney Island Hospital whether or not you were taking any notes?
 - A. I don't recall.
- Q. As result of your conversation with Ms. Krioutchkova, you filled out an initial complaint form?
- A. No. The complaint, the police report form is filled out by the uniformed police officers.
 - Q. Did you fill out a complaint followup?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Which was your initial -- which was, basically, the sum and substance of your initial interview with Vera Krioutchkova?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, part of your job is documenting your investigation; is that correct?
 - A. Yes. it is.
- Q. It's important for you to be careful when you fill out your notes; isn't that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. You try to fill out your notes accurately; isn't that correct?
 - A. Yes, it is.

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- Q. You know that at some point your notes are going to be important, because they are going to help you refresh your recollection possibly at trial; isn't that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. You try to make your notes as complete with detail as possible; isn't that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall writing down anywhere that Ms. Krioutchkova told you that the knife had a funny design?
 - A. I don't recall.
- Q. Is there something that might refresh your recollection?
 - A. Yes, there is.
 - Q. Would that be the initial complaint?
- A. It's the initial complaint, but I don't recall if she told me.
- Q. Will your initial complaint help refresh your recollection as to whether or not you wrote it down?
 - A. Yes, it would.

THE COURT: The defense is handing up a copy of that item. She's referring to.

- Q. Have you had an opportunity to review that document?
- A. Yes, I have.
 - Q. Can I have that back.

 Did you write down anywhere that the knife had a funny

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1	design on the handle?
2	A. No, I did not.
3	Q. Do you recall do you know who the initial District
4	Attorney who was assigned to this case was?
5	MS. CHANNAPATI: Objection, your Honor.
6	THE COURT: Let's approach.
7	(Whereupon, the following proceedings were held
8	at sidebar:)
9	THE COURT: All right. We're in the presence
10	of the jury, but out of the hearing of the jury.
11	Now, defense is obviously going to go into
12	those areas that he raised before about Ms. Mason and Ms.
13	Colon.
14	Where are you going?
15	MR. GREENBERG: Just whether or not she told
16	Ms. Mason that the knife was never identified.
17	MS. CHANNAPATI: How is that relevant?
18	THE COURT: He can ask that.
19	(Whereupon, the following proceedings were
20	held in open court in the presence of the jury:)
21	THE COURT: The objection is overruled.
22	Q. Do you recall the previous Assistant District Attorney
23	assigned to this case Heidi Mason?
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She was the person that you spoke with at the

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She was the assistant that you spoke with shortly after the arrest of Mr. Colon; isn't that correct?

- A. No, it's not.
- Q. Did you speak with her at some point?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Did you tell Ms. Mason that a weapon was recovered at the time of the arrest, but was not identified by the complainant?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Q. Will something refresh your recollection?
 - A. Sure.

THE COURT: Again, the defense is handing up -- what are you handing up?

MR. GREENBERG: I'm handing up the notice documents provided to me by the District Attorney's Office.

THE COURT: Notice documents provided by the People.

THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

- Q. Have you had an opportunity to look at that?
- A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Do you recall now -- can I have that back, please.

Do you recall now telling Ms. Mason that a knife was recovered at the time, but was not identified by the complainant?

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- Q. On March 26th after you interviewed Vera Krioutchkova, did you go back to 1711 East 15th Street?
 - A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Approximately what time did you, if you recall, what time did you get there?
 - A. I can't recall.
 - Q. How long did you stay in that apartment?
 - A. I can't recall.
- Q. When you arrived at that location, were there any police officers there?
- A. Yes. There was a uniformed cop guarding the crime scene.
- Q. Do you know, when you left, was the uniformed police officer still guarding the crime scene?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. In your experience, how long do they stay at the location?
- A. Until the crime scene is processed by the New York City Crime Scene Unit.
 - Q. How long does that usually take?
- A. It depends on how busy of a day it is for the Crime Scene Unit.
- Q. Do you know how long they were there on March 26th, 2003?

A. No, I do not.

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- Q. Did you ever recover an answering machine from Ms. Krioutchkova's apartment?
 - A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did Ms. Krioutchkova ever tell you to listen to anything on an answering machine?
 - A. I don't recall.
- Q. After your initial conversation with Ms. Krioutchkova, did you ever interview her again?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. When was that?
 - A. Some unknown time on March 26th.
 - O. So sometime after the initial interview?
 - A. After she was released from the hospital.
- Q. You spoke with her again. Where did you interview her?
 - A. At the Brooklyn Special Victims Squad.
 - Q. Did you fill out the voucher for the knife and the hat?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Q. After you went back to the apartment, you said you went to another location; isn't that correct?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. And that was 901 Avenue H; correct?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. You indicated that you investigated a particular apartment in that building; is that correct?
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 - A. Yes.

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- Q. If I'm correct, you indicated that no one was home at that apartment; is that correct?
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- A. Yes.
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- Q. When you went to the apartment, did you knock on the
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- A. Yes, I did.
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- Q. And no one approached?
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- A. Nobody came to the door, yes.
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- Q. No one came to the door. Did you hear anybody in the apartment?
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- A. Yes, I did.
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- Q. So there was somebody home; isn't that correct?
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- A. Someone home, but nobody came to the door.
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- Q. So when you said that nobody was home, you meant that you didn't get a response; isn't that correct?
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- A. Yes. I was unable to interview anyone inside the apartment.
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- Q. So isn't it true that someone came and looked through the peephole?
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- A. I observed someone looking through the peephole, but they didn't open the apartment door.
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Q. Did you ask them to open the apartment door?

1	Α.	No, I did not.
2	Q.	Did you tell them who you were?
3	A.	Yes.
4	Q.	Did you have a cellphone with you at the time?
5	Α.	No, I did not.
6	Q.	Did your partner have a cellphone?
7	Α.	No.
. 8	Q.	You didn't call the apartment?
9	Α.	No, I did not.
10	Q.	From out outside the door?
11	Α.	I don't recall.
12	Q.	Would something refresh your recollection?
13	Α.	Yes.
14		THE COURT: Again, the defense is handing up a
15	doc	ument to the witness to be reviewed.
16		THE COURT: What is it defense?
. 17	***************************************	MR. GREENBERG: It's a complaint followup.
18	*	THE COURT: All right.
19	Q.	Does that refresh your recollection as to whether or
20	not you	n made a phone call at the front door?
21	Α.	Yes, it does.
22	Q.	And did you?
23	A.	I guess, I did.
24	Q.	Did you hear the phone ring on the other side of the
2	door?	

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1	Α.	I don't recall.
2	Q.	Does it state that you heard the phone ringing?
3		THE COURT: Again
4	Q.	Let this refresh your recollection.
5		THE COURT: the lawyer is handing that up.
6	Q.	Did you hear the phone ring on the other side of the
7	door?	
8	Α.	Yes, I did.
9	Q.	You heard voices on the other side of the door; isn't
10	that cor	rect
11	A.	Yes.
12	Q.	After you got no response, what did you do?
13	Α.	I don't recall.
14	Q.	Did you leave?
15	A.	No, I canvassed the building.
16	Q.	After you canvassed the building, did you then leave?
17	A.	I spoke to the tenants on the 4th floor.
18	Q.	Well, you said you canvassed the building.
19	A.	Right.
20	Q.	After you canvassed the building and spoke to the
21	tenants,	did you leave?
22	Α.	Yes, I did.
23	Q.	Did you ever return to that apartment?
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When did you return to that apartment?

That particular night. Α.

At this time did you get a response from that Q. apartment?

No, I did not. Α.

(Whereupon, Deborah Rothrock replaced William Cardenuto as the Official Court Reporter.)

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(Whereupon, Deborah Rothrock replaced Bill Cardenuto as the Official Court Reporter.)

THE COURT: Continue counsel.

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BY MR. GREENBERG:

- Q When you went back to the apartment and knocked on the door, did you get a response?
 - A No, I did not.
 - Q Did you hear anybody behind the door?
- 10 A No, I did not.
 - Q Did you do anything else with respect to that apartment and place during the course of your investigation?
 - A No, I did not.
- Q Could you tell me what a Nitro check is?
- A It's an address check of a location to find out if any drug activity or any other type of criminal activity is going on.
 - Q I'm sorry?
 - A An address check with the Nitro Unit, which consists of a police drug unit in the police department to find out if any activity at the location is going on.
- Q It is not only for drugs, is it?
- 23 A No, any type of criminal activity.
- Q And did you run a Nitro check on 1711 East 15th 25 Street?

1	A I don't recall, but I think a member of Special
2	Victim's Squad.
3	Q And at some point were you advised that
4	MS. CHANNAPATI: Objection, your Honor.
5	THE COURT: He hadn't asked the question yet.
.6	Let him finish the question.
7	Q At some point were you advised that there was a
8	complaint for prostitution in 1711 East 15th Street?
9	MS. CHANNAPATI: Objection, your Honor.
10	THE COURT: Let's approach.
11	(Whereupon, a bench conference took place
12	between counsel and the Court.)
13	THE COURT: Actually, it is time for a little
14	break anyway.
15	The jury can step out.
16	Please do not discuss the case. We will have a
17	discussion off the record.
18	Have a seat counsel.
19	(Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom and the
20	following is heard outside the presence and hearing of the
21	jury.)
22	THE COURT: All right.
23	The jury has left the room. The witness may
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do not discuss anything with the People.

(Witness exits the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Let the record show that the witness has now left the room. The jury previously exited.

The Court felt it better for us to hear-- I don't know how lengthy this discussion will be, but it is an issue that certainly the Court was not prepared for.

Let's hear about it.

Defense was asking with regard to the premises where the complainant lived was there a report of prostitution at that location and the People objected.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, it is not where the complainant lived. It is the building.

THE COURT: I said the address.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Right, the apartment.

THE COURT: I did not say her apartment.

MS. CHANNAPATI: Okay.

THE COURT: I said the address, meaning the building.

MS. CHANNAPATI: That's why I think it is irrelevant. It is not her apartment. It is another apartment in that building. I don't think it is probative in any way. I don't think it is relevant that he bring out the fact there was a prosecution closed complaint for an apartment that is not the victim's apartment. It is an

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1	apartment not related to anything in evidence.
2	THE COURT: Fine. Let me hear from the
3.	defendant.
4	MR. GREENBERG: Part of their investigation is
5	certainly relevant because it certainly was something that
6	the detectives were contemplating early in the
7	investigation.
8	It leads to potentially probative evidence that
9	there was at least prostitution within this building. And
10	that that would be consistent with the statement that Mr.
11	Colon made to Detective Harvin.
12	THE COURT: People.
13	MS. CHANNAPATI: The statement says that he
14	frequents Russian Brothels.
15	THE COURT: Massage parlor.
16	MS. CHANNAPATI: I am sorry. I apologize.
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21	not relative to anything. It is not about her apartment,
22	it is about another apartment in the building.
23	THE COURT: Well, of course I don't know that
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1	entitled to probe into these areas based upon what I have
2	heard.
3	MR. GREENBERG: Thank you.
4	THE COURT: So that is the ruling of the Court.
5	When the jury is ready we'll bring them out.
6	Let me know when they are ready and we will get
7	the witness.
8	We will take a longer minute.
9	(Recess taken.)
10	THE COURT: Are we ready to proceed? Hearing no
11	negative we can call the witness back.
12	THE COURT OFFICER: Witness entering.
13	THE COURT: Obviously we can coordinate and get
14	the jury.
15	THE COURT OFFICER: Yes, sir.
16	(Pausing.)
17	THE COURT OFFICER: Ready for the jury?
18	THE COURT: Yes, we are.
19	THE COURT OFFICER: Jury entering.
20	(Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom and
21	the following is heard inside the hearing and presence of
22	the jury.)
23	THE COURT OFFICER: Case on trial continued.
24	Both sides waive the formal reading of the jury roll call?

MS. CHANNAPATI:

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7	MR. GREENBERG: Yes.
1	THE COURT: Thank you.
2	We take up where we were. The objection is
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4	overruled. Continue. THE COURT OFFICER: Detective, I remind you, you
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6	are still under oath.
7	THE COURT: Thank you.
8	THE WITNESS: Yes.
9	CONTINUED
10	CROSS-EXAMINATION
11	BY MR. GREENBERG:
12	Q During the course of your investigation, during the
13	course
14	MR. GREENBERG: I am sorry. Could you read back
15	the last question.
16	THE COURT: Defense is asking to read back the
. 17	last question.
18	(QUESTION READ.)
19	Q Were you advised of a prostitution complaint in 1711
20	East 15th Street?
21	A Yes.
22	Q And did you investigate that complaint for
23	prostitution?
24	A No, I did not.
25	Q Did you become aware of any other through your
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canvassing of the building, did you became aware of any other complaints for prostitution in that building?

- A I don't recall.
- Q I am going to bring you back to when you went into -- when Mr. Colon consented for you to enter into his apartment.

After you obtained his consent, you then left your office?

- A Yes, I did.
- Q And you arrived at his apartment, correct?
- 10 A Yes.

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- Q And when you entered the apartment, Mr. Colon's nephew was there?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q And you showed him Mr. Colon's consent form, correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- Q And then he allowed you to search Mr. Colon's apartment, correct?
- 18 A Bedroom, yes.
- Q And when you found the knife and the hat, they were on a dresser?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And they were on top of the dresser?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q And they were opened for anyone who walked into that room to see?

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A Yes.

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Q You did not have to search the apartment or the room to find those items; is that correct?

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A That's correct.

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Q Now, when you interviewed Mr. Colon and he gave you his pedigree information, his name and address, he was cooperative with you, correct?

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A Yes.

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Q And then he made a statement to you that he patronized Russian massage parlors in the area of 15th Street; is that correct?

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A He didn't tell me in the area. But he told me he patronized Russian massage parlors.

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MR. GREENBERG: I have nothing further.

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THE COURT: Anything from the People on

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MS. CHANNAPATI: Yes, your Honor.

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RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

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BY MS. CHANNAPATI:

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Q With regard to the apartment at 901 Avenue H,

Apartment 4K, did you later ascertain through your

investigation whether anyone in that apartment had anything to

do with the attack on Vera Krioutchkova on March 26, 2003?

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A Yes, I did.

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1	A Nobody in that apartment had anything to do with an
2	attack on Vera Krioutchkova.
. 3	Q With respect to the Nitro check, with respect to what
4	defense was asking you about, questions about, did you
5	complete a complaint follow-up information with regard to that
. 6	Nitro check?
7	A I did not complete it, but another member of the
8	Special Victim's Squad did.
9	Q Would that refresh your recollection as to what you
10	learned?
11	A Yes.
12	MS. CHANNAPATI: Your Honor, at this time, I
13	would ask if this Witness Complaint Follow-up could be
14	handed up to the witness.
15	THE COURT: Handing up is the Witness Complaint
16	Follow-up in an attempt to refresh the recollection
17	regarding the last question.
18	(Handing.)
19	Q Does that refresh your recollection?
20	A Yes, that form was typed by Detective Figeroua.
21	Q Now, when the Nitro check was conducted, okay, what
22	did you specifically learn about anything about apartment 1-A?

A Nothing.

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Q Nothing.

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So there was nothing coming -- there were no

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MR. GREENBERG: Objection, your Honor.

MS. CHANNAPATI: For clarification.

THE COURT: Leading form of question.

Q Okay. For clarification.

When you say that you learned nothing, what do you mean by that?

- A No type of criminal activity from Apartment 1-A.
- Q No type. Just so that everyone is clear, does that mean no type of criminal activity was reported?
- 11 A Yeah.
- Q And does it also mean no type of no arrests came out of that apartment?
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q Now, and what apartment again did Vera Krioutchkova
 16 live?
- 17 A. 1-E
- Q Now, with respect to that Nitro check and this complaint of prostitution, what apartment did that complaint pertain to?
 - A Three Adam, 3-A.
- Q 3-A. And was it an open complaint?
- 23 A I'm not sure.
- Q Would that refresh your recollection?
- A It doesn't state it here if it was open or not.